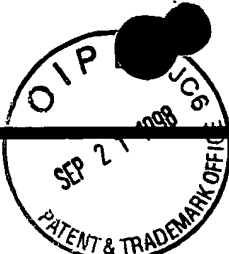


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| <b>REPLY/AMENDMENT<br/>         FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> |         | Attorney Docket No.  | 1046.1133/G04      |
|   |         | Application Number   | 08/645,073         |
|   |         | Filing Date          | May 13, 1996       |
|   |         | First Named Inventor | Makoto YOSHIOKA    |
|   |         | Group Art Unit       | 3642               |
| AMOUNT ENCLOSED                                     | \$ 0.00 | Examiner Name        | Bernarr E. GREGORY |

**FEE CALCULATION** (fees effective 10/01/97)

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED   | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Number Extra     | Rate        | Calculations   |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|----------------|
| TOTAL CLAIMS  | 14 <sup>(1)</sup>                | 20 <sup>(2)</sup> =                | 0 <sup>(3)</sup> | X \$22.00 = | 0.00           |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS  | 7 <sup>(4)</sup>                 | 7 <sup>(5)</sup> =                 | 0 <sup>(6)</sup> | X \$82.00 = | 0.00           |
| Since an Official Action set an original due date of _____, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$400); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,510); 5 months (\$2,060)): |                                  |                                    |                  |             | + 0.00         |
| If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110)   |                                  |                                    |                  |             | + 0.00         |
| Total of above Calculations =   |                                  |                                    |                  |             | \$ 0.00        |
| Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)   |                                  |                                    |                  |             | - 0.00         |
| <b>TOTAL FEES DUE =</b>   |                                  |                                    |                  |             | <b>\$ 0.00</b> |

- (1) If entry (1) is less than entry (2), entry (3) is "0".  
 (2) If entry (2) is less than 20, change entry (2) to "20".  
 (4) If entry (4) is less than entry (5), entry (6) is "0".  
 (5) If entry (5) is less than 3, change entry (5) to "3".

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- ☐ Check enclosed as payment.  
☐ Charge "TOTAL FEES DUE" to the Deposit Account No., below.

**AUTHORIZATION**

☒ If the above-noted "AMOUNT ENCLOSED" is not correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 necessary to maintain pendency of the present application to:

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| Deposit Account No.  | 19-3935        |
| Deposit Account Name | STAAS & HALSEY |

**SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY**

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| Typed Name | Gerald P. Joyce, III | Reg. No. | 37,648             |
| Signature  |                      | Date     | September 18, 1998 |

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Group Art Unit: 3642

Serial No.: 08/645,073

Examiner: Bernarr E. GREGORY

Filed: May 13, 1996

For: CONTENT SALES PERIOD VERIFYING SYSTEM AND CONTENT  
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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This is in response to the Communication mailed September 9, 1998, having a period for response set to expire on October 9, 1998. The following amendments and remarks are being resubmitted with additional notations explicitly pointing out which claims the arguments are application to as has been requested by the Examiner.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

- 1 *Sub E2* 10. (ONCE AMENDED) A computer readable storage [device readable by a  
2 computer, storing a content including a period concerning the content] comprising:  
3 *C1* a content assessable by a user via a computer;  
4 period data indicating a period of time during which the contents can be  
5 accessed by the user; and  
6 a program which causes the computer to refuse access to the content by the  
7 user if a present date falls outside of the time period indicated by the period data.